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SUBJECT: PUBLIC ATTACKS ON RADICAL LEADERS: SITUATION AT 1100 HOURS

LOCAL OCTOBER 15

1. THE JAPANESE CONSULATE IN SHANGHAI HAS INFORMED JAPANESE EMBASSY (PLEASE PROTECT SOURCING) THAT POSTERS SIGNED BY SHANGHAI URBAN WORKERS MILITIA WENT UP OVERNIGHT STARTING AROUND 2300 HOURS OCTOBER 14, DENOUNCING BY NAME WANG HUNG-WEN, CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, CHIANG CHING, AND YAO WEN-YUAN AS "ANTI-PARTY CONSPIRATORS."

2. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 15 ALSO RECEIVED A PHONED REPORT FROM A STAFF MEMBER WHO HAD BEEN VISITING WUHAN THAT SLOGANS WENT UP THERE THEY EVENING OF THE 13TH DENOUNCING THE SAME FOUR BY NAME AND REFERRING TO THEM AS THE "FOUR PERSON GANG" OR
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"FOUR-PERSON TROUBLEMAKING GANG." SOME ALSO CHARGE

THAT "A GROUP OF PEOPLE" IN HUPEI SUPPORTED THESE FOUR (NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE). AS THE JAPANESE HERE UNDERSTOOD, THERE WAS ALSO A REFERENCE TO A GROUP DECISION TO GET THESE FOUR OUT OF THE "CHUN CH'A" (6511 1390). WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS TERM, WHICH COULD MEAN SOMETHING LIKE INVESTIGATION GROUP UNDER THE MILITARY COMMISSION.

3. FROM OTHER SOURCES WE HEAR THAT NEW SLOGANS HAVE GONE UP AT ERSTWHILE RADICAL BASTIONS PEKING AND TSINGHUA UNIVERSITIES (THE FIRST SIGHTING WAS AT PEKING UNIVERSITY ON OCTOBER 14 AROUND 1700 HOURS). THESE REPORTEDLY TO NOT NAME THE FOUR, BUT ALMOST CERTAINLY REFER TO THEM IN SUCH PHRASES AS THE FOLLOWING: "CONSPIRATORS WILL COME TO NO GOOD END"; "THE DAY THE PEOPLE KNOW THE TRUTH IS THE DAY THE CONSPIRATORS ARE FINISHED" AND (IRONICALLY, GIVEN ITS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH LEFTIST CAMPAIGNS) THE FAMOUS LU HSUN PHRASE "BEAT THE DOGS IN THE WATER."

4. SINCE LAST NIGHT, MANY MORE BIG CHARACTER SLOGANS IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS ON APPOINTING HUA KUO-FENG CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND MILITARY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN HAVE GONE UP AT CONSPICUOUS LOCATIONS AROUND PEKING.

5. COMMENT: THE FLIP-FLOP AT THE UNIVERSITIES (ALSO REFLECTED GENERALLY IN CENTRAL RADIO BROADCAST OCTOBER 15) AND THE APPEARANCE OF THE POSTERS IN SHANGHAI ADD GREATLY TO SIGNS THAT HUA, LI HSIEN-NIEN AND COMPANY HAVE CARRIED OUT AN EFFICIENT DECAPITATION (FIGURATIVELY AT LEAST) OF THE LEFTIST LEADERSHIP AND INTIMIDATION OF THE LEFTIST CONSTITUENCY.
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